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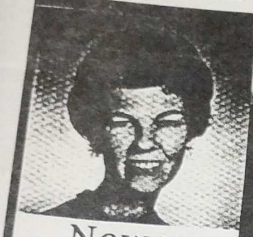

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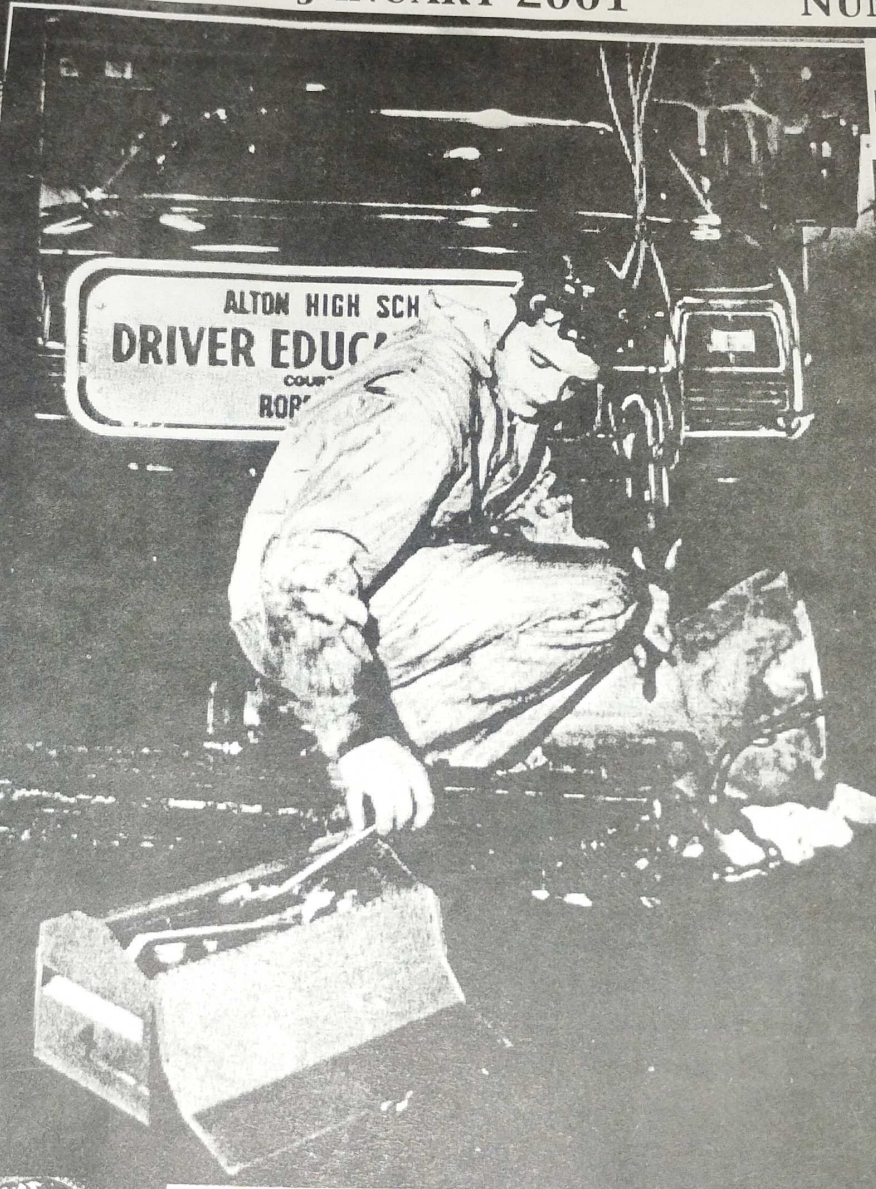

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Early Spring Fever
Causes Campus Chaos

By Kelly Lappin
Editor-in-Chief

January has been an unusual and confusing month at Alton High. From ambiguous staff decisions to law-breaking students, this campus has seen it all recently.

The sudden introduction of required comprehensive final exams turned into a fiasco. Barely a week before the semester ended, many teachers were still unsure of the new policy. A memo to teachers stated the comprehensive exam was required for students in every class, but there would still be finals for those misbehaving students. It did not explain what to do with Honors classes, which already had required exams at the end of each semester. Most Honors teachers counted the same final as both the comprehensive exam and the Honors final. This new policy was very confusing for teachers and for students, who were unsure how many finals they would have to take for each class, and when they would take them.

Another situation on campus caused problems from anyone's perspective. After someone decided to set a toilet paper dispenser on fire during class time, an announcement was made that teachers should restrict the number of passes they give students during class time. It is understandable that school officials may believe that keeping as many students as possible in their classrooms would prevent future crimes like arson. A restriction on bathroom passes, however, presents an obvious problem to students: arson or not, we all still have to use the restroom once in a while. A very bad choice made by one student is sure to restrict our freedom even more than it already has been this year. Some teachers are already unreasonably stingy with bathroom passes, and this incident can only worsen the pain for students with small, full bladders.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. assembly in mid-January seemed innocent enough... until students marched on stage with real rifles. Could this be interpreted as the school condoning the presence of weapons on school property? It seems like it would've been easy for any student to take possession of one of those rifles and slip bullets in unnoticed to do the unimaginable. The approved presence of any weapon on campus fogs the message of anti-violence a school should be trying to instill in its students.

Whether it was millenium madness, a full moon or early spring fever, these events defy *reasonable* explanation. Hopefully next month will be more sensible and crime-free.

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Our mission as journalists of the RedBird Word is to bring you, the students, the who, what, when, where, and why of the news. Aside from the facts we will strive to enlighten and entertain. This is a paper for the students, created by the students, so as your voice, help us be heard.

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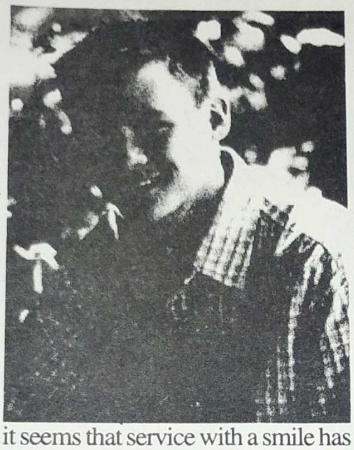
Respect, Learn It



By David Fitzgerald
News Editor

Every day, countless students go into classrooms or offices and the teachers, secretaries and other faculty members greet them with rudeness and indifference. In these places, the hostile attitude of the faculty is passed on to students like an infectious disease. In some places, it seems that service with a smile has been banished to McDonald's, a place students can no longer go for lunch anyway. Still, many employees at AHS do greet students with heartfelt politeness and care.

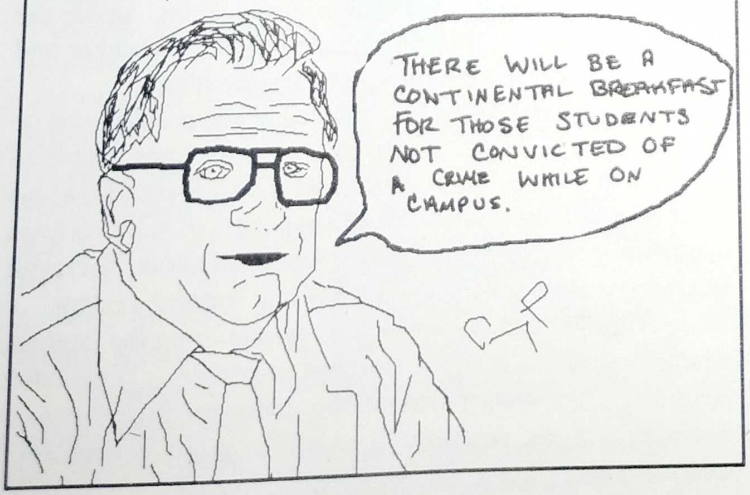
It is understandable why the faculty can at times be rude. The student body is not exactly a model of politeness, but it should be remembered that respect is a two-way street. If people want to be treated with respect, they in turn need to treat others with respect.

Many times, when a student enters an office or classroom for the first time, he or she may not know the proper procedures or protocol for that specific place. To add to the confusion, a rude teacher or secretary may turn students off from school.

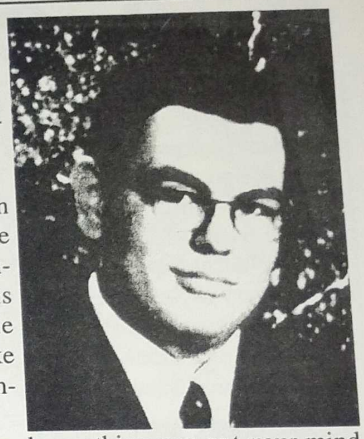
If students and faculty treated each other with a common respect at Alton High more would get accomplished. Programs like PBIS should focus on the faculty as well as the students. If service with a smile can work for McDonald's, it can work for Alton High.

Then Again Not

By Amy Porter
Cover Story Editor



Seniors Look Ahead



By Robert Doyle
Copy Editor

With graduation quickly approaching, the thoughts of seniors are turning to future plans. At this point in life, many people have dreams they would like to follow. Others are still unsure.

The phrase, "You can do anything you put your mind to" is often heard by children who want to be fire fighters, cowboys or astronauts.

As children get older and college starts to enter the picture, they begin to realize what they want to do with their lives. Sometimes parents do not agree completely with the plans their children have; this can cause problems.

College is not right for certain students. Some people just do not have what it takes for college, and others just cannot stand school.

Parents will usually argue that to be successful, college is required. Is that really true? Many students have no intention of going to college, but is that really a bad thing? There are many successful people in this country that either never went to or never finished college. On the other hand, there are many people who did not go to college, and now they flip hamburgers for a living.

There are many ways to have a career and avoid going to school for at least four more years. One possibility is to work at a fast food establishment. Another idea is to work retail. In many people's minds, however, they know what they want to do with their life.

How many students are aspiring artists or musicians? Now look at how many successful artists or musicians there are in the world today. Those people are not doing what they do because they have to, they are doing what they do because they had their heart set on it as a child, and the opportunity came up. They followed their dream, and it paid off. As musician Billy Joel has said on numerous occasions, "If you do what you love, then you'll love what you do."

At the age of 18, people are legally considered adults in the state of Illinois, which means they make their own decisions about their lives and either reap the benefits or suffer the consequences for their actions.

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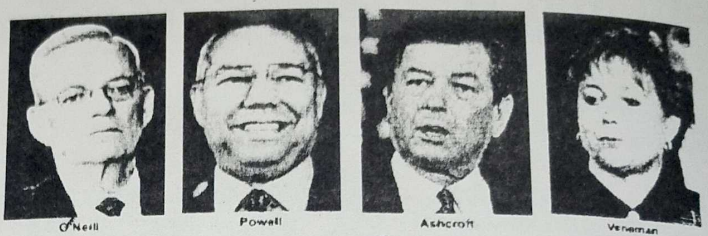
Bush Chooses His Cabinet

By Andrea Dubree

The new millennium brings the U.S. a new president. President George W. Bush was sworn in January 20 as the forty-second president.

Bush brings with him a new cabinet to the White House. Some of his cabinet members will be as follows: Paul O'Neill as Secretary of Treasury, General Colin Powell as Secretary of State, Sen. John Ashcroft as Attorney General, Ann Veneman as Agriculture Secretary, Mel Martinez as Housing and Urban Affairs Secretary, Condoleezza Rice as the National Security Adviser, Christie Todd Whitman as Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Don Evans as Commerce Secretary. These are all subject to confirmation by the Senate.



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Many believe Bush is fulfilling his promise to serve Republicans and Democrats alike by choosing a cabinet with diverse political beliefs and races.

Bush is also bringing many new programs. His biggest proposals have been on education reform and tax cuts. He is proposing a $1.3 trillion tax cut and will try to improve schools by mandatory testing.

A Fight for Peace

By Carol Lyons

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat called on President Bill Clinton to prepare a detailed outline to negotiate a settlement with Israel. Clinton is making his last-ditch effort for peace in the Middle East during his administration against a backdrop of Palestinians detonating bombs close to Israeli army positions and Israeli troops firing at Palestinian farms in response to an explosion.

Palestinians have set several car bombs and injured dozens in the coastal city of Israel. "Cars were ripped up, women were screaming," a witness told army radio, as reported in *The Telegraph*. Israeli Police Commissioner Shlomo Aharonishki was the only one who was seriously injured.

The Hamas military group denied involvement, but called the attacks a "holy right" for the Palestinians. More than 350 people have been killed in three months of almost daily bloodshed, most of whom were Palestinians.

Palestinians are demanding clarifications of Clinton's peace invitation. Clinton's proposals consist of asking Israel to surrender sovereignty over a Jerusalem site revered by Muslims and Jews and asking Palestinians to renounce their claim of the "right of return" of four million Palestinian refugees and their families.

Weather on the Net

By Laura Griffith

This year, the cold weather has hit the Alton area hard. With snow and record low temperatures, this winter has only just begun. In case of bad weather, people will be watching their televisions for winter weather warnings all winter long.

The Commerce Department's National Telecommunications and Information Administration now has the technology to create a weather warning system for the internet. Internet service providers (ISP) would send alerts to customers in pop-up boxes that would sound the same warning tone viewers hear on the TV in times of emergencies. Inside the boxes would be scrolling information, such as weather and news updates, as well as emergency instructions.

An interagency working group that met in July came up with the idea when discussing new ways to warn people of bad weather. "It can help save lives," said Jamison Hawkins of the National Weather Service. Supporters of this idea hope that Internet organizations such as America Online, Microsoft Internet and others will agree to use this warning system.

With the growing number of people using the internet, warnings would reach a wider range of people. "I wouldn't have to get up when I was on the computer to see what is going on with the weather. It would be pretty convenient," said sophomore Sarah Baumgartener.

A Cultural Cafeteria Experience

by Stacey Garrison
Senior Editor

The new semester will provide a new cafeteria mural in hopes of making the cafeteria more interesting.

Before there was only an unfinished mural. The art club, now disassembled, was responsible for the first painting. Today there is no art club to create a new painting.

"Very few people that were interested in the art club were available after school," said Mr. Swick.

Many problems arose trying to complete the mural such as other club activities, limited transportation, and lack of interest.

Now that there is a blank wall waiting to be painted, a new art club is unlikely. Instead, students in the advanced drawing and painting classes will probably be approached with the challenge. The mural would then be part of a semester grade.

The art club, according to Swick, "died a natural death." He emphasized that the job would be much easier to plan and execute with experienced art students working together.

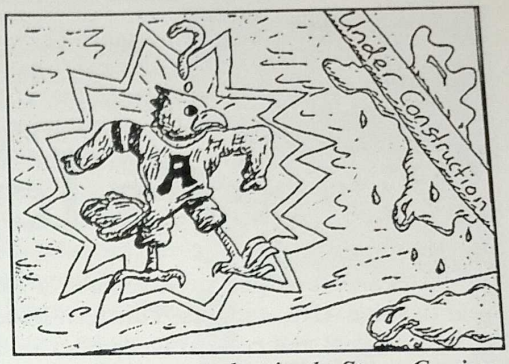
The possibility is being considered that any student at AHS may submit a design for the wall, somewhat like the Calliope. The subject matter may eventually have some guidelines, but nothing is certain yet. The likelihood of the project expanding depends upon student interest.

Mr. Swick and Ms. Pitts have been considering a committee to decide what designs will be used.

"(Ms. Pitts) has been very supportive of us doing this; we are thrilled to have her on the committee," said Swick.

Once a design is chosen, it will be copied onto the wall. The exact technique has not been decided upon, but Swick emphasized that he wanted the project to be a learning experience for his students.

A large and a small wall are waiting to be painted. Designs will be chosen for both, but each will have a separate theme. The main goal is to make the cafeteria more interesting.



drawing by Stacey Garrison

Theatre Fest Gets Good Reviews

by Erin McCann
Managing Editor

Twelve Alton High Thespians left on the afternoon of Thursday, January 5 for the three-day-long Illinois High School Theatre Festival. The festival took place on the University of Illinois campus.

Seniors Stephen Heintz, Ben Harris, Erin McCann, Amber Smith and Julie Pisarek, as well as juniors Julie Strausman, Kari Oglesby, Alison Hanold and Adam Betz participated in the trip, accompanied by the Thespian Troupe Sponsor Mr. Glenn Waters.

Together, the group attended the Thursday evening opening ceremonies. The ceremonies revolved around the theme of the festival: 2001 Theatre Odyssey. A theatre troupe from Chicago, called "Musical the Musical," the world's only entirely improvised Broadway-style musical, provided entertainment for the ceremonies. After taking requests form the audience, the group performed "The Shining the Musical."

Students had the opportunity to break off into smaller groups on Friday and attend various classes from about eight o'clock to about ten o'clock in the evening. Some classes offered this year involved puppetry, stage combat, expressing emotion, choreography and dance auditions.

On, the morning of Saturday, January 7, the group attended the Illinois All-State Production of "West Side Story," before departing for home. The performance included high school students from all over Illinois.

photo by Theatre Fest staff member

Seniors Stephen Heintz and Erin McCann cut out pieces for a Jim Henson style puppet at Theatre Fest.

Teens Take Precautions On Roads

By Christin Campbell

Car accidents are the leading cause of death among people between the ages of six and 27. In 1999, there were an estimated 6,289,000 auto accidents, resulting in an estimated 3.4 million injuries and 41,345 deaths. Sixty-three percent of those who died were not wearing seatbelts.

"Seatbelts are so important! They should always be worn when you get in the car," said junior Karla Killam. "I know from experience that if I didn't have a seatbelt on in my accident, I would have died."

In 1999, alcohol involvement counted for about 38 percent of the fatalities. However, that was the lowest rate since 1975. The total cost of motor vehicle crashes in 1999 was $150 billion.

Teenagers are involved in more accidents than adults because they have had less driving experience than adults. Because of the lack of experience, it is easier for teenagers to get caught by simple mistakes that adults have learned to avoid. Some techniques to help reduce teenage accidents include watching for cars when backing out of parking places and watching for cars rushing through changing traffic lights.

Winter's Icy Hands Grip Alton

By Ben Cowan

December might have seemed a little harsh this year to some AHS students. This past December was the second wettest and coldest December in 89 years. With all the snow and bitter cold temperatures came plenty of sledding and ice skating. It also brought an overwhelming amount of cabin fever to some.

Whether it was the icy roads or just too cold to go out, students stayed in and tried to find ways of occupying their time. Senior Drew Mader said "I worked on my Commercial Art assignment most of the time, and I also wrapped a lot of presents and helped decorate around the house."

"It (the cold) wasn't too much of a problem for me," said junior Rob Simpson. "I was in Arizona playing tennis most of the time.

German Invasion

By Leslie Winters

Ten high school students from Markgroningen, Germany will be coming to Alton High and Marquette Catholic High School on April 18, 2001. Markgroningen is a small town near Stuttgart.

Sixteen girls and four boys will be coming to stay in Alton for three weeks. In Germany, students go to school for 13 years, whereas in America, students attend school for 12 years, excluding Kindergarten and college. The German students coming to visit will be in either grades 11 or 12. The school the students regularly attend specializes in art and music.

The 20 students will each have their own host family to stay with. They will attend the school that their family's children attend, but they will have their own schedules. Students from AHS and Marquette also have the opportunity to go to Markgroningen once every two years and stay for three weeks.

"This is the sixth German student staying at my house," said Kristina Deutsch, a senior in German 4. "It's fun to experience the German culture first hand at my own home. It's always exciting, but I'd rather go to Germany."

While visiting, the students will visit such places as the Arch, Science Center and Cahokia Mounds. All the German students are able to speak fluent English. Students who are unable to speak fluent English are not permitted to come to America with their school.

"Having the German students come here gives our students a chance to practice their German, and to find out about the differences in German and American culture," said Ms. Ruth Wimp, AHS German teacher.

Students Speak Out

- Don't disrespect us. If you respect us, we'll respect you.
- Sometimes we have good days, sometimes we have bad days. Don't judge us by our bad days.
- Respect our personal space.
- We are young adults - please don't talk down to us.
- Be sensitive to our needs.

This list represents the top five things that students at AHS want teachers to know to help improve their experience at AHS. Compiled by the AHS Social Workers.

Sweet, Not Cheap
Affordable V-Day Dates

By Jama Fabry, Features Editor
and Erin McCann, Managing Editor

Feeling a little strapped for cash after the stressful holiday season? Well, start searching the couch cushions because the time for teddy bears and roses is just around the corner. Though many people try to ignore it, Valentine's Day is designed to make your significant other feel appreciated by spending as much money as possible. This year opt for the most inexpensive yet delightfully romantic gift of all-yourself.

Enjoy the freedom of the great outdoors? Take your hubby on a beautiful drive or bike ride down the River Road to explore the trails of the Bluffs or stop to watch for eagles. Winter has just begun so go sledding at Haskel Park then head home for some hot chocolate. Take a walking tour of downtown Alton with stops to look at antiques, sample pies at *My Just Desserts* or admire art while sipping cappucino at *The Meriddean Coffee House*. Or simply spend a day observing monkeys at the zoo.

Not feeling up to braving the cold? Make a delicious dinner at home and have an indoor picnic on the floor. Decorate your living room with sparkling lights and slow dance under the stars. Five movies, five days, five dollars- rent gushy movies to laugh and cry about.

No significant other? No problem. Gather up your single friends and go skating at the Ice Arena for only four dollars. For a good pick-me-up go to the mall and try on really ugly clothes or just sit on a bench and people watch. Otherwise take a road trip to Granite City or Roxana and see a movie for only two dollars or play at the park.

No matter how big your budget is this Valentine's Day, keep your spirits up and make it one to remember.

Keep All Boys In a Box

By Katie Manning
Movie Entertainment Editor

photo by Stephanie Wright

It is once again the time of year for love and romance and that means all girls must open up their boy boxes. For those who do not know, a boy box is that dusty, crumpled box in the bottom of a girl's closet. It is filled with every bit of boy memorabilia a girl could own. A box can be filled with anything from letters and cards to a Batman Pez dispenser. Boy boxes are for those things that remind girls of past boyfriends or crushes, and Valentine's Day is the perfect day to open up a boy box, sit back and reminisce. A girl might laugh, cry or simply remember the good times that were shared in past relationships.

Senior Katie Willings said, "When you break-up you never want to see the pictures or letters you received, but you don't want to throw them away. The boy box lets you keep the memories forever."

Senior Kelly Osborn said, "The boy box allows you never to forget the fun times you've spent with past boyfriends. Although it may be painful to open it at times, you will always have that one picture to take you back to that moment in time."

Every girl needs a boy box so she will never forget the time she has shared with that special someone. To all the heartbreaking boys out there, do not become arrogant for your entire existence is in the bottom of your ex-girlfriend's closet.

Play God: Choose Them, Create Them, Move Them In

By Kari Oglesby

Do you wake up every morning feeling like an under-appreciated master of your own universe? In "SimCity" designer Will Wright gave people the power to create and control virtual cities. With his newest game, "The Sims," it is possible to create and control your own people. Right on your own computer you can develop your own family, house and do your own decorating. Your Sims can be disguised from gladiators to motorcyclists, or if your prefer, disgusting slobs.

When building the home of your dreams you can decorate the walls and floors in any style and even create your own private paradise with landscaping tools. For your house the game offers hot tubs, swimming pools, computers, giant-screen TV's and even vibrating beds. There are over 150 different objects available to furnish your home and keep your Sims satisfied. While living, users can create an endless variety of characters and families, follow a wide range of career paths, make friends, have conversations, insult neighbors, fall in love with another Sim, get married and even have children.

"I love the game. It is so fun because you can control people and make them anyway that you want them," said junior Heather Baumberger. "It's sort of like how nowadays in real life you can choose if you are going to have a girl or a boy."

The game has received numerous reviews which have all turned out wonderful. The game is available at all local stores along with the new "The Sims Livin' Large" expansion pack which is highly recommended.

MILLENNIUM MADNESS

By Missy Minton
Photographer

The debate over when the old millennium ends and the new one begins seems eternal. The classes of 2000 and 2001 bickered over which will be the first graduating class of the new millennium, and heated e-mails go back and forth between complete strangers.

The battle of the millennium, some say, comes down to simple math. At *www.georgian.net/rally/madness.html*, *ichadwick@georgian.net* writes, "It still all comes down to basic math. Count it out. Year 1 to 1,000 (January 1, 1 to December 31, 1000) is the first millennium. So the second millennium has to start with January 1, 1001 - and end December 31, year 2000. Add it up; one plus 2000 equals 2001. The word millennium means 1,000 years, thus the third millennium has to start in 2001 and continue through until the end of 3000. It is elementary, just do the math.

"Despite what advertisers and travel agents are trying to sell you, year 2000 is the last year of the current millennium, or else all our basic concepts of arithmetic for the last 5,000 recorded years have been incorrect."

Others have alternate opinions as to when the millennium is. "I, **Kim Vergottini**, disagree with the statement written by **Bob Whitney.** Who says the 1st millennium began with the year one, and not the year zero? If you think of the beginning of the millennium in the same way as the birth of a child, you must consider that a baby lives for 364 days before he or she is 1 year old. The first day after that baby's 1st birthday then marks the beginning of his or her second year. With that in mind, the first millennium had to have begun with the year zero. Therefore, the third millennium must begin with the year 2000, and not the year 2001."

It seems as though we will never really know when the true millennium is.

Predictions For the Future

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2002: Free network computers are available. $200 PCs are becoming widely available. The Net makes itself in the Congressional elections of the U.S.A.

2003: 21st century "bug lights" become popular.
Child entrepreneurs and activists are changing the business and political landscape via the web. Breakthroughs in medical knowledge by now are resulting in simple low cost treatments estimated to add up to 20-25% to the life span of average newborns.

2009: Business and other interactions on the internet is contributing heavily to the increasing isolation of the individual.

2010: A consumer vision of a sleep-switch is becoming practical.
Internet-based TV now dominates television programming.

2013: Biochemical weapons and related defenses create a problems for waste disposal.

2018: Self-diagnosis and medical care is an option for many illnesses.

2025: Deadliest fighter planes no longer have humans on board.

New Year's Resolutions

By Jason Porter

The start of a New Year usually means one thing, new years resolutions. Every year people around the world make promises to themselves. They range from losing weight to saving money.

To most these promises are soon forgotten, used only to give them some hope of a better year. But to some people a resolution is the first step to a new life in a new year. Freshman, Adam Knoche said, "Resolutions are great! They let you start all over."

Many people do not share this point of view. "Resolutions are a waste of time. Why change because it is the start of a new year?" asks Matt Izard, senior.

"What was your New Year's resolution, and when do you think the millennium began?"

"My New Year's resolution is to get out on the weekends and party more. 2001!"

-Beth Rohour, senior

"I didn't make a resolution this year; I can't keep them. 2000"

-Kristina Koenig, junior

"My New Year's resolution is to stay out of trouble. 2001."

-Amber Rabb, sophomore

"My resolution is to not shove toilet paper up the hand dryer. 2001"

-Joanna Argyropoulos, freshman

Love Breaks You

By Zach Deeder

Valentine's Day and Christmas are a double whammy for many boyfriends' savings account every year. Right after they spend all their money on Christmas they have to turn around and woo their significant other once again on Valentine's Day.

"I know I'm going to be broke but there's nothing I'd rather spend my money on than my girlfriend," said Gabe Delahanty, senior. "When she's happy, I'm happy." This brought a smile to his girlfriends face (who happened to be standing there.)

Many girls are feeling a pinch this time of year too. "My boyfriend and I set an amount so we can both go over it," says senior Lauren Rosenberg, "But on Valentine's Day we just go out to dinner." Bill, her boyfriend, nodded his head and she threw him a treat..

Perhaps Paul McCartney put it best when he said, "In the end, the love you take is equal to the love you make."

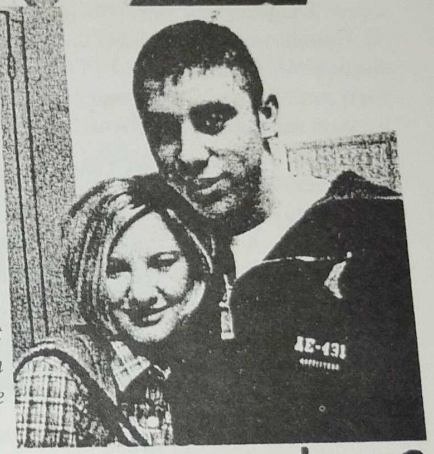
Left: long-time couple Ashley Kemp and Nathan Logan smile.

Right: happy couple Ashley Swarringin and Brian Corzine are often seen being affectionate, but even more so now with this being their first Valentine's Day together.

Left: although not a couple, good friends Brian Young and Ravi Appleby can't help but hug each other during this season of love.

photos by Stephanie Hoke

Above: couple Danny Lester and Jenny Fredrick show their affection for each other.



Right: couple Emily Schall and Mike Lincoln are caught being nice to each other close to the holiday.

What to get your love?

By Chavon Curry

Love is a four letter word with many meanings. It connects the young and the old, and all races and religions.

During this time of year, babies breath and some chocolate are accommodations to flowers. Here candy grams are just another way to show that someone special how much you care.

Although candy grams and flowers are nice, cards can do just as well. Whether it is handmade or Hallmark it is the thought that counts.

"Valentine's Day is just another day for me and my boyfriend to show one another how much we love each other," said Gretchen Zimmerman, senior. Regardless if there is someone 'special' in your life or not, it is a time to share your love.

Love is a universal thing. So the next you feel love-struck when a certain person walks by remember what you can get them.

New rules and regulations aggravate teachers and infuriate students on a regular basis. Is our school really going down hill, or do we take too much for granted? Compare campus life from years past and now before you storm the Board Office.

Immoral Wiggling and One-Piece Gym Suits

The year was 1957. Dwight D. Eisenhower was in office. Only Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors were on campus.

Mrs. Joanne (Kertcher) Porter, an Alton Insurance Agent and AHS alunmess, recalls Alton and the world in the late 50s...

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"Elvis was in his prime. The Ed Sullivan Show was only allowed to show him from the waist up because his hip wiggling was 'obscene and vulgar.' A radio station made national headlines when it broke all of the 'immoral' rock and roll records that it had at the station.

"The campus was open, I usually ate at the snack bar at the high school. My lunch consisted everyday of a soda and a bag of potato chips. It only cost me a quarter!

"The pit was probably gravel or asphalt. The grass went out with the horse and buggies. There were cars, but it was NOT a place to be social.

"I didn't get into trouble, but chewing gum, being late and sleeping in class (were the most inforced rules). We had to take a shower after P.E. class. This was mandatory! And the white one-piece gym suits that had to be ironed were a real bear!

"I can't remember if girls were allowed to wear pants or slacks to school or not, but I don't think so."

photos courtesy of Tucker's 1970 Tatler

The Pit in 1970

The Vietnam War And Teachers with Paddles

The Year was 1972. A 12 ounce glass bottle of Pepsi was 25 cents and Richard M. Nixon was in office, Mr. Bob Tucker graduated here and became AHS's Pottery Teacher..

Tucker relays how our campus and country were 39 years ago...

"In '72 only Seniors got an hour lunch. Anybody could leave for lunch. Half-hour study halls went with half-hour lunches. Only 10, 11 and 12 were on campus. The Freshmen were in the Junior High.

"There were over 900 Seniors in my class. The class of '73 had over 1000. All three buildings were on campus, but no J.B. Vocational Center.

"I think parking was seniors only. Nobody put books in their cars, I don't think we were allowed to. I didn't drive. Drivers and non-drivers were about 50/50, about the same as now.

"You were most likely to get into trouble for tardies and acting up in class. We wouldn't dare talk back to a teacher in those days. You just wouldn't do that. Back in those days teachers could do more to students; kids could get paddled. If you acted up in class you'd get your butt flamed.

"Our parents taught us to respect teachers, and I don't think they do that anymore. I never got in trouble. I was too afraid. If I got into trouble at school, I was in big trouble at home.

"The biggest things going on (in the world) were the Vietnam War and the Hippie Movement. The Hippies started up in the 60s, but didn't

...and the Other Time

By Amy Porter
Cover Story Editor

...over Story

January 2001

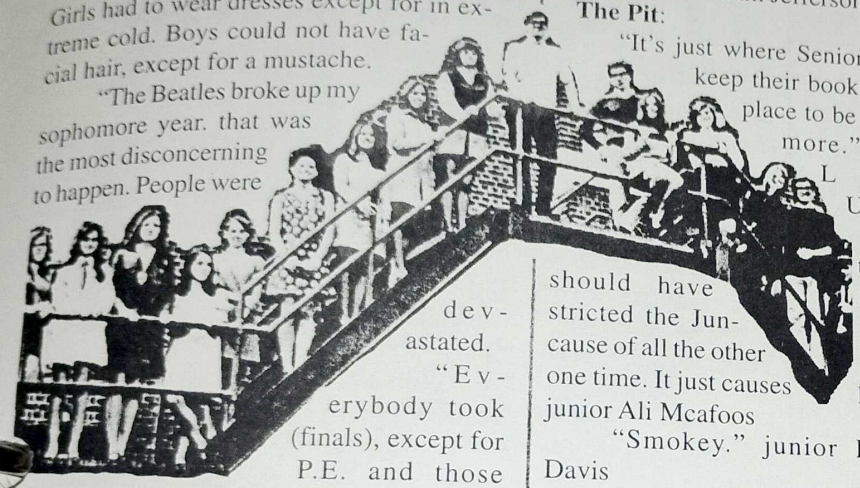
get to Alton until the 70's. It took a while. That's when people started changing. Men's hair started getting real long.

"We had a dress code until senior year. Girls had to wear dresses except for in extreme cold. Boys could not have facial hair, except for a mustache.

"The Beatles broke up my sophomore year. that was the most disconcerning to happen. People were devastated.

"Everybody took (finals), except for P.E. and those classes. How finals were weighted was still up to each teacher.

"I often wonder what it would be like if Alton High was 10, 11 and 12 again, with the freshmen back in Junior Highs. There would be less student and teacher burn out if you were only here sophomore through senior year. I wonder about that sometimes."



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Top: 1970's Internatioal Thespian Troupe 126
Bottom: 1970 Rifle Club

The Here, The Now and The Ugly

Year: 2001
President: William Jefferson Clinton
The Pit:

"It's just where Seniors park and keep their books. It's not a place to be social anymore." senior Laura Ursprung

"I think they should have never restricted the Juniors because of all the other changes at one time. It just causes problems." junior Ali Mcafoos

"Smokey." junior Diana Davis

"Cleaner. Not as much trash." junior Ann Palazzolo

Major national events for the year:

"I've lost all faith in the electorial process. I'm moving to Canada." freshman Whitney Harvey

"All the school shootings. I mean, it was all over the country. People pulled their kids out of school. It made going to school nervous and tense because it gives people ideas." senior Ashley Budde

"Fighting in Israel and Palestine. It effects everybody and makes the world unstable. It takes a lot of the energy and it's just such a huge threat. Araphat and Barak - who knows what they'll do?" senior Adele Lahl

Most likely to get into trouble for:

"Tardies and ID's." senior Jennifer Hargiss

"ID's and Pit cops are doing a lot more to keep people out of the pit that aren't supposed to be there." senior Heather Whitten

"Not wearing my ID. I'm more likely to get into trouble for not wearing it than if I talked back to a teacher." senior Laura Ursprung

> "Maybe if they inforce the rules people would listen to them." sophomore Stephanie Thaxton

Lunch:

"We're in study hall for half an hour, then herded like sheep into the cafeteria. They flicker the lights on and off when we're supposed to leave like we can't tell time." senior Chris Beasley

"(Closed campus) has made people mad. They have a worse attitude." sophomore Jamie Degerlia

Least favorite school rule:

"No smoking. Now that we have closed campus you can't even go acrossed the street to smoke a cigerette, so we have to hide. Maybe if they inforce the rules people would listen to them." sophomore Stephanie Thaxton

Continental breakfast:

"Juniors never win. I don't think it's that big of a deal because the food is bad anyway. I don't think about the breakfast, ever." junior Ali Mcafoos

"They just get excited because they can go to school a half hour late." junior Pat Gates

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See Stacey Garrison, Amy Porter or Mrs. Brave in room 401

This is all satire. Calm down.

TEN TECHNIQUES TO TORTURE TELEMARKETERS

By Stephen Heintz
Humor Editor

1. Yell a lot. Repeat stuff they say.
2. Pretend you're a little kid, and tell them you haven't seen your mommy in days. Beg for food.
3. Relate everything they say to one of your experiences as a worker in a foreign sweat shop.
4. Refuse to buy unless they can name all 150 original Pokemon. Act disgusted if they cannot.
5. Refer to them as "sweetie lumpkin." At the end of the conversation, have a teary-eyed break up, saying that it "didn't work out."
6. Speak in nothing but old cliches out of context.
7. Ask them for the best way to get a large amount of blood out of a couch...soon.
8. Change accents every five seconds.
9. Tell them that phone usage is against your religion, and that they've just condemned you to hell.
10. Try to sell them black market children.

HEADLINE CONTAINING THE WORDS:

Triple X Film

CAUSES STUDENTS TO READ ARTICLE

By Stephen Heintz
Humor Editor

Sorry people, no dirty movies in this article. I'm writing this article to address a very serious problem in today's youth: the five second attention span. America's youth today can't seem to keep focused on one thing for any amount of time.

Man, it's a nice day out... I hate sitting in school. Man, would I love a big, juicy steak right now. Mmmmmm... steak... mashed potatoes... so tasty. So very, very tasty. Yum.

Wait a minute... I was writing about attention spans, wasn't I? I guess that was pretty cruel to make everyone think that I wrote about **blue movies**, and then just lecture them. In order to make up for it, here's a funny joke: What do you get when you cross a pit cop with a doberman? Hey look, my girlfriend! She's so pretty with her long red hair... I love her so. Oh, the joke! I forgot the punchline, but that doesn't matter anyway. I have to go. If you know the punchline, tell all your friends!

NO THANKS, ANNE MURRAY. NO MORE.

By Stephen Heintz
Humor Editor

Anne Murray. The most beloved songstress of the elderly, really old and the dead. Her sweet melodies lull the youth-impaired into a quiet frenzy of sleep, pill-taking and joy. Unfortunately for those born after 1840, Anne Murray's songs cause severe internal hemorrhaging and the breakdown of the gland that allows us to feel love. Such things have gone on for too long, and the RedBird Word staff prides themselves on hunting down and destroying old people who get in their way.

Unfortunately, my crusade to end the Canadian singing mummy's reign was stopped by Stephanie Hoke, fellow RedBird Word editor, and the last known ACTUAL Anne Murray fan. Seriously. She's an Anne Murray fan. Well, I decided to interview her to see just how her apparently warped mind ticks.

Stephen- Hey, Stephanie. What in the name of good taste is wrong with you? You like Anne Murray?!

Stephanie- I love Anne Murray. So what? She happens to have a beautiful, moving voice, and she's a model American.

Stephen- She happens to be Canadian who makes my ears bleed.

Stephanie- She makes my soul soar! She's really, really talented.

Stephen- She's also really, really old. I heard she called Jesus a "whippersnapper." She marveled at the invention of sliced bread. Some speculate that she even invented fire.

Stephanie- Age doesn't matter. Look at Tina Turner!

Stephen- You're comparing her to Tina Turner? Tina Turner is a diva with great legs. Anne murray's like a grandma. Eww...

(At this, Stephanie proceeded to jackslap me out of my chair, all while singing "Like a Bridge Over Troubled Water.")

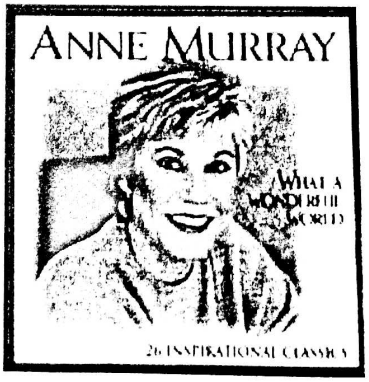
Stephanie- That'll teach you some respect, young'un.

Stephen- Hey, I--

Stephanie- Now listen here, Mr. funnyboy. Anne Murray is a woman with a beautiful soul that makes beautiful music. She is the sole source of my will to live.

Stephen- You sure about that? Maybe you'll need some prunes and Matlock, too.

(Stephanie threw me out a window, ending our interview)



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Last Night at the Nights for the Urge

By Catharine McNelly
Music Entertainment Editor

What better way to spend the holiday season than standing outside in a line in 20 degree weather for nearly two hours, only to get inside a hot, smoky night club where you are packed in tighter than sardines! For diehard Urge fans, this is all too familiar.

Playing multiple Christmas shows at Mississippi Nights has been an annual tradition for St. Louis' own the Urge for the past few years. The local sextet, which formed in the late 80s, played to four sold-out crowds from December 25-28.

The Urge had fans jumping and crowd surfing in no time. They opened the four-night stand with "Brainless" from their 1996 release of *Receiving the Gift of Flavor*. Throughout their shows, other songs included "All Washed Up," "Open All Night," "Jump Right In" (their 1998 single from *Master of Styles)*, and their summer 2000 single "Too Much Stereo."

Old skool songs are always crowd pleasers. "Tell Me What's Going On" and "She Don't Care," from their 1990 release *Puttin' the Backbone Back*, as well as "Bark Like a Dog" and "Midget Basketball," from their 1992 release *Magically Delicious*, were performed to screaming, delighted fans. "Bad Neighborhood," featured on the *River of Sound* compilation in 1994, was played on Wednesday evening.

photo courtesy of postnet.com
St. Louis' the Urge played four sold-out shows at Mississippi Nights in December

For the past year, rumors have been circulating about the closure of Mississippi Nights. The night club has served St. Louis for over 20 years. The Urge has performed at Mississippi Nights close to 100 times, with less than 10 times as an opening band. Their performance on December 28 was perhaps their last show at the venue.

The final show blew the others away. The Urge opened with "Intro: The Boot Will Conquer the Sandal" followed by "Take Me Home," two old favorites dating back to 1989. The band also played "Frying Pan," a song that had not been performed in over two years.

Toward the end of the show when the Urge covered Bob Marley's "One Love," a group of fans came on stage to present the band with a cake saying "Last Night at the Nights." As with every show, the Urge ended with their cover of the Brand New Heavies' "Gettin' Hectic," but this was not enough for fans. The Urge returned to play one more song, "Meat Hook," before retiring from the venue. The show lasted a long two hours and left fans feeling extremely satisfied.

With the future of Mississippi Nights looking grim, chances are the Pageant in the University City Loop will host to the Urge, but the band will probably only play a two-night stand as opposed to four.

Out With the Old and In With the New

By Andy Duggan

Lately there have been a lot of older music groups releasing albums that are the same music our parents listened to. The record companies are re-releasing old tunes that made it big years ago.

This past December, the Beatles released an album called *1*. This brand new album is made up of 27 old chart-toppers including many world famous tunes like "Let It Be" and "All You Need Is Love."

Also in December, the Eagles released a four CD set of some of their old music and many unreleased songs, which are only found on this CD set. It also has a huge booklet on the history of the Eagles. For anyone who listens to 70's rock, it is a must have.

Earlier in 2000, two guitar greats, B.B. King and Eric Clapton, made an album titled *Riding With the King*. Although all of the songs on the CD are not old tunes, they still sound great.

photo courtesy of rollingstone.com
B.B. King and Eric Clapton

Mid-year, the people who own the rights to guitar legend Stevie Ray Vaughan released a CD set featuring all of his greatest tunes, including previously unreleased material available only on the set.

Pink Floyd recently released *The Wall Live*, available with or without a booklet full of information about the band and the concert. This last December, Roger Waters, a member of Pink Floyd, released an album called *In the Flesh*.

So what is up with this new trend of re-releasing new albums with older artists? Is it here to stay? One thing is for sure: the greats of music are back, with new and old songs that everyone can love.

Concert Calendar

January 29
"SnoCore Rock"
feat. Fear Factory
Kittie
Union Underground
The Pageant

February 10
Linkin Park
w/ Taproot
Pop's

February 15
Pantera
w/ Soulfly
The Family Arena

February 20
Face to Face
w/ Snapcase
H2O
Mississippi Nights

February 23
Less Than Jake
w/ A New Found Glory
The Pageant

February 25
Eve 6
w/ VAST
The Pageant

'Rent' Restores Reality

By Alison Hanold

Many people's perceptions of musicals are typical. Shiny, happy people occasionally breaking away from their squeaky clean and perfect lives to sing a cute little song and do a tap dance. Well, not anymore.

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Angel Touring Company

The Broadway smash-hit "Rent" recently came to The Fox in St. Louis. This highly acclaimed show has made waves among theatre-goers globally.

Written in 1991 by Jonathan Larson, "Rent" is a takeoff of Puccini's opera, "La Boheme." It takes place in bohemian downtown New York City. The cast of characters are a group of friends, ranging from struggling artists to strippers and teachers. The focus of the show is the realistic look at them dealing with many of today's troubles and turmoils.

'Rent' completely surprised me with its progressive feel and amazing acting," said AHS graduate Corey Miller.

"'Rent' was the best production I have seen, ever," said junior Kari Oglesby.

Although widely acclaimed by critics, some conservative people are offended by much of the content of the show. Several characters are homosexual, some have the AIDS virus and such topics as drug addiction and homelessness are covered.

"My mother hated the fact that so much of the show went against a lot of her personal morals," said senior Julie Pisarek, who had the opportunity to see "Rent" when it came to The Fox recently. "I really liked it, though. I liked the music a lot. I thought it was an all-together good show."

Salusa Secundus Splits

By Laura Smock
Photographer

A mix of steamy drinks and the heat Salusa Secundus provided created an all too perfect atmosphere at the Meridian Coffee House. On December 17, Salusa Secundus reunited for their final show. The band played such songs as "Penumbra," "Killstick" and "...And The Tragic Myth of Millet's Angelus."

"They played awesome, but it just seemed so final," said senior Shawna Ventimiglia.

Salusa Secundus got started back in November of 1998 when drummer Drew Mader and guitarists/vocalists Steve Ricks and Billy Wallace wrote their first three songs. Bassist/vocalist Jarid Mathenia joined shortly after along with vocalist Jon Robertson who began improv singing a couple months later. Salusa Secundus played at various small clubs in the St. Louis area as well as recording in June and July of 2000. The band split in August 2000 after Ricks headed off for college but decided that a final show was necessary in order to tie up all loose ends.

"They sounded great, but it was really sad when the show was over," said senior Megan Williams.

Movie Calendar

Coming to Theaters

January 26
Shadow of the Vampire
Sugar and Spice
The Wedding Planner

February 2
Valentine

February 9
Hannibal
Head Over Heels

February 16
Down to Earth
Recess: School's Out
Saving Silverman
Sweet November

February 23
Monkeybone
Original Sin

Now Available on Video

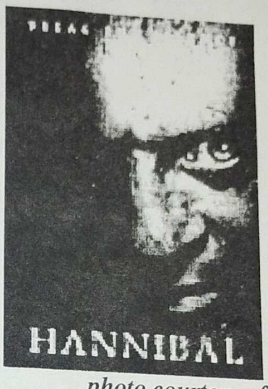
Bait
Cecil B. Demented
Coyote Ugly
The Kid
Me, Myself and Irene

The Cannibal Killer

By Katie Manning
Movie Entertainment Editor

He's back. The oh-so-scary cannibal killer has returned. Anthony Hopkins will play Dr. Hannibal Lecter once more, the murderer who loves to eat his prey, in the sequel to "The Silence of the Lambs." The sequel, directed by Ridley Scott, is properly titled "Hannibal."

Jodie Foster will not return as the character Clarice Starling, the object of Hannibal's obsession. Instead, Academy Award nominee Julianne Moore will take Foster's place as the FBI agent who is intrigued by Hannibal.



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Anthony Hopkins returns as Hannibal.

In "The Silence of the Lambs," Clarice met Hannibal on assignment to catch a serial killer named Buffalo Bill. Clarice went to Hannibal because he was the only one who could see into the mind of a killer who was so disturbed. At the end of "The Silence of the Lambs," Hannibal escapes from prison and heads to South America to have "an old friend for dinner."

In "Hannibal," Hannibal returns seven years after he escaped from prison, and of course, contacts Calrice.

The sequel is rumored to be even scarier than the original, which will be hard to top. "The Silence of the Lambs" received the Academy Award for Best Picture in 1991.

"Hannibal" is set to be released February 9, 2001.

Anime Over American

By Walter Theobald

With Fox animation studios declaring bankruptcy, and the Warner Brothers' animators soon to disband, the future of American cartoons looks bleak. Most networks are investing in Japanese cartoons (anime) instead. The reason for this is that it is much cheaper to translate and dub anime than to produce original animation.

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Titan A.E. bombed this summer at the box office.

"Titan A.E." did not help things. The summer movie bombed, earning only 20 million dollars at the box office, which was the sole cause for Fox's animation studios' bankruptcy.

Also, the popularity of such Japanese cartoons as "Pokemon," "Dragonball Z" and "Gundam Wing" are much greater than any American cartoon that has been released lately. From a marketing standpoint, it is pointless to make new animation.

The only animation company safe from all this is Disney, who currently has a monopoly over the animation industry and played a role in the failure of "Titan A.E." Disney released "Dinosaurs" and "Fantasia 2000" at the same time and distributed negative reviews on ABC, which it currently owns.

It is very possible that in a few years the only animation coming out of America will be children's musicals.

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But sweets from Duke's are a close second!

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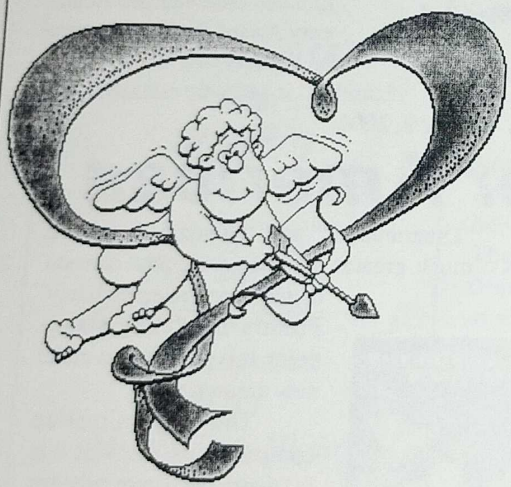

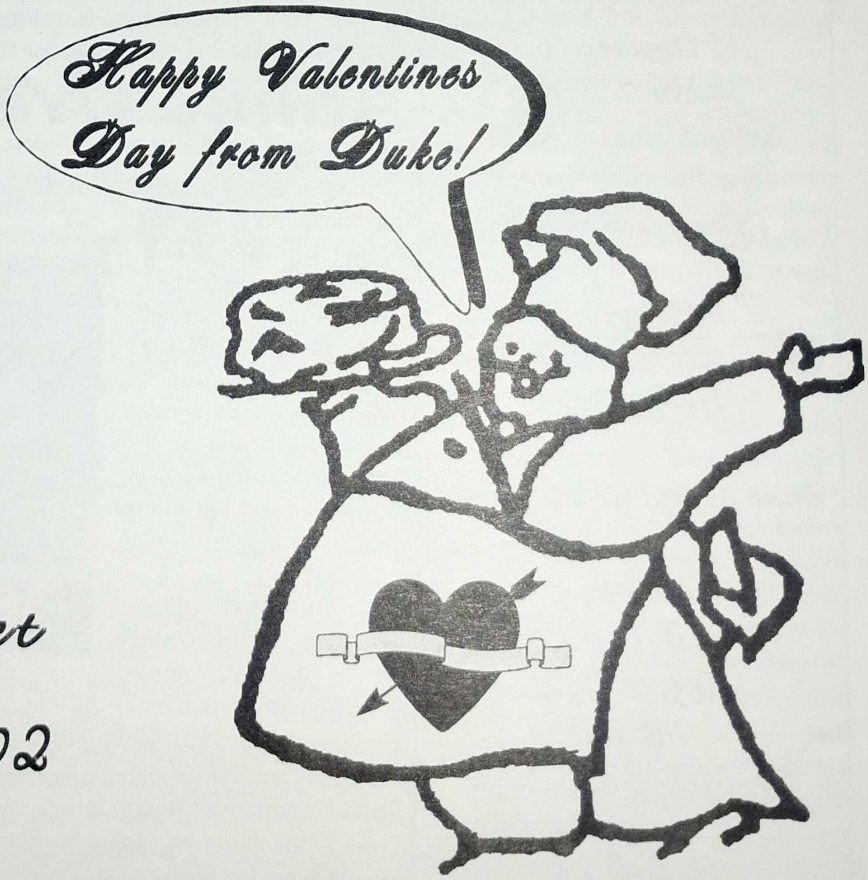

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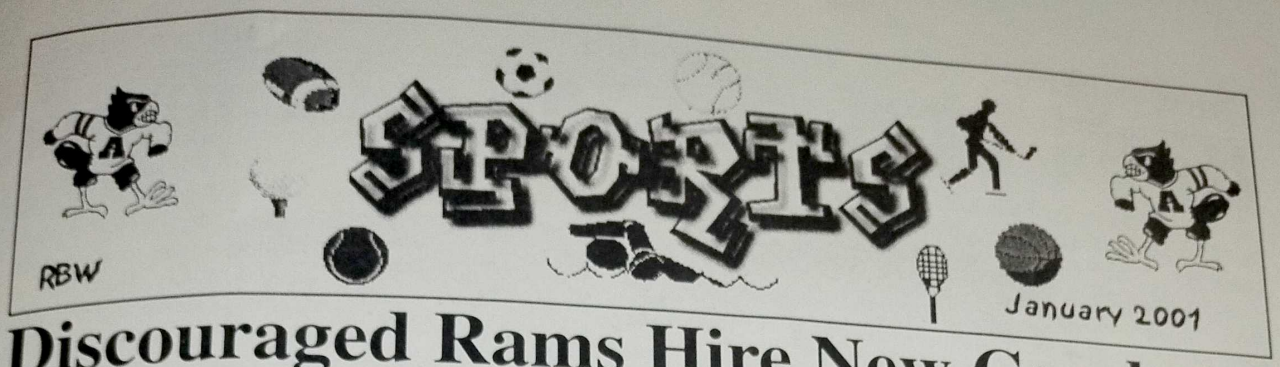


Discouraged Rams Hire New Coaches

By Jeff Saville
Sports Editor

If you are a Ram's fan, the month of December brought mixed emotions. In order for the Rams to sneak into the playoffs, not only did they need a win against the New Orleans Saints, but they also needed a win by the Chicago Bears.

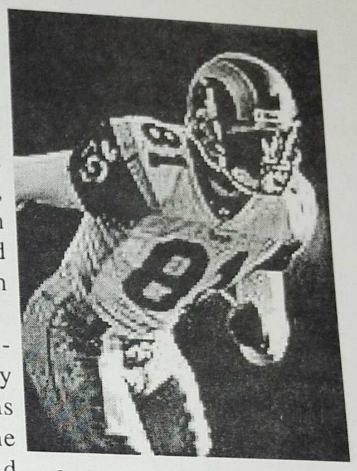
The Rams set up their playoff hopes by defeating the Saints in their last game of the season while their friends from the North, the Bears, defeated the Detroit Lions with a game ending field goal, thus advancing the Rams into the playoffs for the second straight year.

The National Football League Wild Card game of the week saw the Rams play the Saints for the second time in two weeks, in New Orleans. The Saints held a 31-7 lead for three quarters. Then the Rams began a furious forth-quarter rally, scoring 21 points in a seven-minute span to pull within 31-28, of the Saints. With only 1:51 left on the clock, the Saints had to punt.

Three seconds later, the punt was muffed by Az Hakim and recovered by the Saints at the Rams 11 yard line. The Saints ran out the clock and ended the playoffs hopes of the Rams.

The fun didn't stop. Within a week the Rams fired Defensive Coordinator Peter Giunta, Cornerbacks Coach Steve Brown, Defensive Line Coach Carl Hairston, and Special Teams Coach Larry Pasquale.

They were replaced with Bobby April as Special Teams Coach, Defensive Line Coach Bill Kollar, and Lovie Smith as Defensive Coordinator.



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Ram's Az Hakim

The team felt the final blow when the news announced that ex-Rams Coach Dick Vermeil was o be hired as the coach of the Kansas City Chiefs.

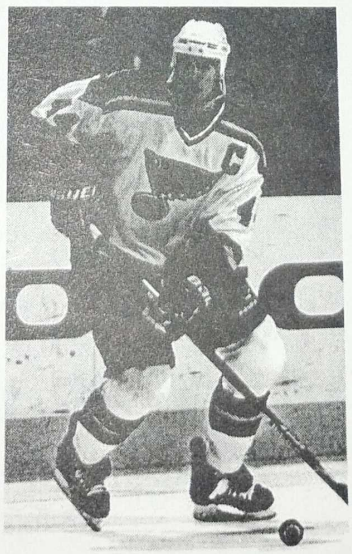
Demitra's Injury Making Fans Blue

Stephanie Hoke
Senior Editor

Pavol Demitra, star right wing for the St. Louis Blues, has not played a game since receiving a stick to the right eye during December 30th's game against the Phoenix Coyotes. The injury was caused accidentally by Coyotes defenseman Radoslav Suchy.

Demitra was struck midway through the second period of the game. During a Blues Power Play Suchy hit Demitra's eye with a follow through after clearing a puck from his zone.

The Blues player was taken to Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis Missouri. There he was diagnoised with a bruised retina. This injury was to bench the player for at least three weeks. With this time period nearing its end the player's condition is placed on a day-to-day decision, but the Blues have yet to see him return.



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Blues Captain Chris Pronger

Fellow Blues player Pierre Turgeon, center, was aware of the importance of Demitra's absence. "Pavol has been on fire, and replacing him will obviously be pretty tough."

The star right wing is second for the team in scoring with 19 goals and 19 assists in just 34 games. Demitra's impressive playing has definitely helped the St. Louis team stay high in the Central Division and in the entire National Hockey League.

Demitra was drafted b Ottowa in the 8th round of the 1993 entry draft. He was traded from Ottawa to the Blues for Christer Olsson on November 27, 1996.

Redbirds Finish Fifth at Centralia

By Keion Lacey

The Redbirds went into the 58th annual Centralia Holiday Tournament looking to win it all, but they ended up taking home fifth.

" I think this is one of the best teams Alton High School has ever had." said senior forward Ryan Durham.

In the first round the Redbirds blew by Champaign Central (74-56). They advanced to the second round easily.

Going into the second round it wasn't so easy for the Birds. They took on Chicago Julian who was ranked 5th in the preseason polls for top teams in Illinois. The Redbirds got off to a slow start and had to play catch up most of the way. In the final quarter, Julian ran off and beat the Redbirds (87-75), handing the Redbirds their first and only loss of the tournament.

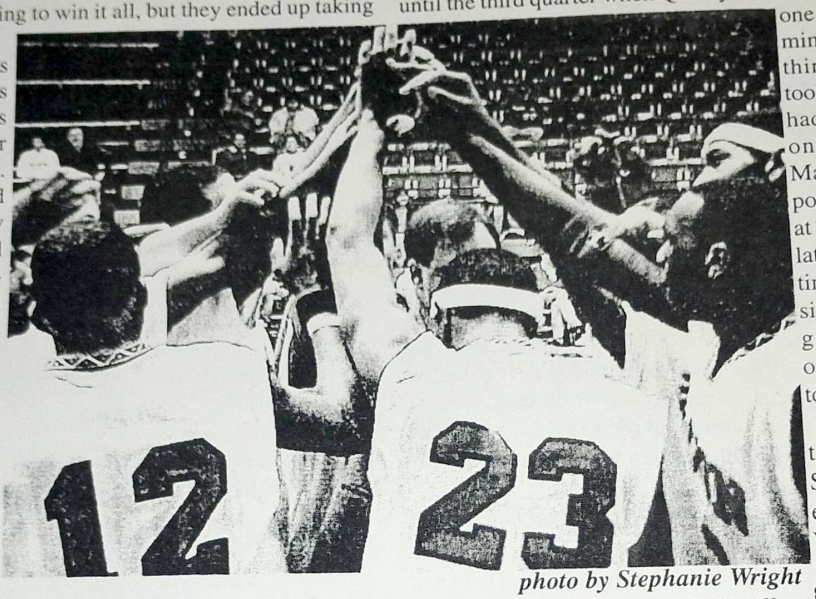


photo by Stephanie Wright

The Redbirds join together in a huddle before their game against Belleville West for fifth place at the Centralia Holiday Tournament.

In the third game, Alton bounced back to beat Quincy in an exciting double overtime showcase. It was all Alton's favor until the third quarter when Quincy cut Alton's 19 point lead to one with just under a minute to play in the third. Then Quincy took the lead and Alton had to play catch up once again. James Mays' running three-pointer tied the game at 70 at the end of regulation. In the first overtime both teams scored six points sending the game into a second overtime. It was all Alton from there (86-81).

In the final game the Birds played Southwestern conference rival Belleville West. "This game was good for us because we had some soul searching to do after the loss to these guys on December 15," said senior center Michael Stockard. The Redbirds did just that, beating West (65-60).

It's Not All Fun and Games Anymore

By Audrey Hinrichs
Business Editor

Attempting to recover from a 4-3 loss to Marquette on January 3, the Alton High Hockey Club traveled to the "chain-link garden" on January 7 to face off against the Cahokia Commanches. A gruesome battle would soon follow resulting in injuries to two Cahokia players.

Cahokia scored first midway through the first period; a goal that went unanswered until sophomore Austin Luster tipped in a hard pass from senior Amos Melvin, tying the score at 1-1.

Freshman Tommy Lester scored his first of two goals late in the second period from sophomore Ryan Theen and freshman Tim Demumbrun to give the Redbirds their first lead of the game.

The Commanches answered back re-tying the game, this time at two goals a piece.

The third period hosted a lot of penalties; five from Alton and four from Cahokia. Alton's Melvin, Plunk, Heischmidt, and Farrow served time for a holding, three roughing and one tripping call respectively. The last of which resulted in the injury of a Commanche's ankle.

The score remained 2-2 until 5:37 in the third period when Tommy Lester scored the go-ahead goal and eventual game winner.

Senior goalie Gary Cox helped the team hold on from there, stopping 21 of 23 shots throughout the game, a huge recovery from the previous game.

As the clock ticked down the Commanches got hungrier and hungrier for the tying goal. The game got very physical toward the end and was finally called with less than a minute remaining on the clock due to the Commanches' second serious injury.

This time the player was left lying on the ice while players and fans waited for an ambulance to arrive.

Alton's Ryan Theen caught the player with his head down and delivered a punishing, yet clean hit to his chest.

The game was called due to a lack of ice time caused by the ambulance delay.

Later reports confirmed the player dislocated his left knee.

Wrestlers Taste Early Success

By Derek Allen
Senior Editor

The Alton High wrestling team has had a successful early season, winning nine of their first twelve matches, with a 3-1 record in the SouthwesternConference.

The Redbirds have been led by seniors Sean Dooley (19-5 at 145 pounds), Matt Elliott (19-0 at 160 pounds), Brian Huber (19-5 at heavyweight), junior Luke Warner (17-7 at 215 pounds), and sophomore Ben Laux (20-4 at 171 pounds).

"We're off to a good start," Huber said. "We're a well rounded team this year."

The Redbirds have also done well in tournament action this year. The Redbirds finished third at the Mount Olive Tournament on January 6. Elliott maintained his undefeated record by winning the 160 pound division. Dooley won the 145 pound division. Huber won the 275 pound weight division, defeating a previously unbeaten wrestler from Carrolton in the finals, while only weighing about 230 pounds. Sophomore Nick Delaney won the 152 pound division despite not being a full time varsity wrestler at the time. Finishing second in their respective divisions were 215 pound junior Luke Warner and 119 pound sophomore Tyler Flanagan.

The Redbirds faced a busy January, wrestling against 17 different teams. Despite the full schedule, the Redbirds still found time to practice, coming in at 6:15 most mornings.

"I think coming in so early really helped us with our conditioning so we can concentrate on wrestling in the afternoon practices and winning our dual meets," senior 189 pounder Mike Martin said.

The road doesn't get any easier for the Redbirds in February, as they prepare for the post season. The Redbirds travel to Jerseyville for the Regional Tournament on February 3. The Redbirds then go to Granite City on February 9 and 10 for the Sectional Tournament. Finally, those who survive the first two rounds will advance to the State Tournament on February 16 and 17 in Champaign.

photo by Jeff Saville
Sophomore Ben Laux shoots in on Senior Matt Elliott

February Sports Schedules

2/1	Freshman Girls' Basketball vs. Triad 6:00
2/2	Varsity Boys' Basketball @ Belleville West 8:00
	Varsity Girls' Basketball vs. Belleville West 7:45
2/3	Varsity Hockey All-Star Game @ Fairview Heights
	Varsity Hockey North Wild Card Game @ East Alton
	Varsity Wrestling Regionals @ Jerseyville
	Girls' Bowling Sectionals @ St. Clair Bowl
2/5	Varsity Girls' Basketball vs. Granite City 7:45
	Freshman Girls' Basketball vs. Granite City 6:15
	Freshman Boys' Basketball vs. Collinsville 6:00
2/7	Sophomore Boys' Basketball vs. Collinsville 6:00
2/8	Sophomore Boys' Basketball vs. East St. Louis 6:00
	Freshman Boys' Basketball vs. East St. Louis 6:00
	Varsity Boys' Basketball vs. East St. Louis 8:00
2/9	Freshman Girls' Basketball @ Collinsville 6:15
	Varsity Girls' Basketball @ Collinsville 7:45
	Varsisty Boys' Basketball vs. Collinsville 8:00
	Varsity Wrestling Sectionals @ Granite City
	Girls' Bowling State Tourn. @ Rockford
2/10	Jerseyville Boys' B-Ball Sophomore Tournament
	Varsity Hockey Playoffs Begin @ East Alton
	Varsity Wrestling Sectionals @ Granite City
	Girls' Bowling State Tourn. @ Rockford
2/11	Girls' Bowling State Tourn. @Rockford
2/12	Sophomore Boys' Basketball vs. Edwardsville 6:00
	Freshman Boys' Basketball vs. Edwardsville 6:00
2/13	Boys' Bowling Conference Championship TBA
2/14	Jerseyville Boys' B-Ball Sophomore Tourn.
	Boys' Bowling Conference Championship TBA
2/16	Varsity Boys' Basketball @ O' Fallon 8:00
	Varsity Wrestling State Tourn. @ Champaign
	Boys' Bowling State Tourn. @ St. Clair Bowl
2/17	Jerseyville Boys' B-Ball Sophomore Tourn.
	Varsity Boys' Basketball vs. East St. Louis 8:00
	Varsity Wrestling State Tourn. @ Champaign
2/18	Boys' Bowling State Tourn. @ St.Clair Bowl
2/20	Varsity Boys' Basketball @ Granite City 8:00
	Boys' Bowling State Tourn. @ St. Clair Bowl
2/23	Varsity Boys' Basketball vs. Edwardsville 8:00

Go Redbirds!!!

Cuddle Up With Courtney

By: Courtney Mathus

Gift Advice

Since Valentine's Day is coming up, people will be hitting the stores to buy something special for their sweetie. Finding that great gift could take some thinking. I got together with some of the smartest people I know and made a list that I hope can help.

Guys, what to buy for girls....

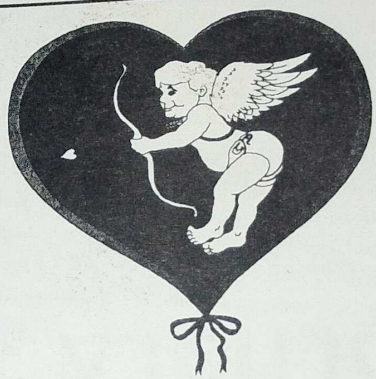
1) A mixed tape or CD that you made yourself of her favorite songs or yours.
2) A pretty necklace. Nothing special... just one that sparkles.
3) Dinner made by you. (Don't pay your mom to make it!)
4) The Old Spaghetti Factory in downtown St. Louis is a romantic place to go for dinner!!!
5) Teddy Bear designed by YOU! (Build-A-Bear is at the St. Louis Galleria.)

Girls, what to buy for your guy....

1) Chocolate... it never fails!
2) Gift Ceretificate to his favorite store.
3) Take him out to dinner.
4) Rent his favorite movie... even if you don't like it.
5) Or just bake something sweet... guys eat anything.

I asked a few of the January graduates what or who they will miss at Alton High by graduating early.

Kelly Osborn- I'll miss the whole art department and all the comedy in Tuck's class.
Ashlee Cox- I'll miss all my friends.
Willie Taylor- I'll miss all the chicken heads.
Tiffany Bock- I will really miss Mr. Tucker because he's an awesome teacher.
Suzi Rice- I will miss spending the last semester with my friends.
Tim DuMey- I probably won't miss much except for seeing my girlfriend Kelly everyday.



Horoscopes

Aries (March 21- April 19): You may be upset with a change of plans with friends. Friday night will be a great time for homework catch-up.
Taurus (April 20- May 20): You will be very pressured at work this month. They will be very dependent upon you, but don't stress out. You'll enjoy the extra money in the end.
Gemini (May 21- June 20): You will question your own self-esteem. Don't think bad about yourself if you're alone on Valentine's Day.
Cancer (June 21- July 22): You love to be in love. Hopefully you have big plans on Valentine's Day.
Leo (July 23- Aug. 22): This is your busiest month. Don't get too stressed out- remember to relax!
Virgo (Aug. 23- Sept. 22): You'll be traveling often this month. Just be sure to get all of your makeup work done in time!
Libra (Sept. 23- Oct. 22): Many new people will come in your life this month. Be prepared.
Scorpio (Oct. 23- Nov. 21): A great amount of money will be in your hands this month. Be sure to save and don't spend.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22- Dec. 21): An incident in your relationship will occur. Don't freak out. It won't last long.
Capricorn (Dec. 22- Jan. 19): Friends will help you find opportunities in virtually every part of your life. In the process, you'll learn the value of being a friend.
Aquarius (Jan. 20- Feb. 18): A friend's actions will leave you puzzled. Have a "heart-to-heart" talk to straighten things out.
Pisces (Feb. 19- March 20): A close relative invites you to stay with them. Don't refuse the offer.